

FC289.23 Defibrillator Fund

The Department for Health £1 million Defibrillator Fund Now Open
Applications are now open for the £1 million Defibrillator Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) fund. The Department for Health and Social Care has launched this initiative to help fund public accessible defibrillators. The fund will provide 2,000 new public access defibrillators for communities across England. Anyone can apply. The deadline for applications for the 100 fully funded public access defibrillators is midnight on Friday (20 October). The remaining 1,900 units will receive match funding of £750. If anyone in your patch is interested, they can apply at www.defibgrant.co.uk

Update:

We have been in touch with Cambridgeshire County Council to ask if a defibrillator can be put on the library building. They would be interested to hear more about the proposal. They would like to understand if we would just need their support to progress this, or do we require financial support as well?

The grant application requires confirmation that the match funding of £750 is available at the time of the application. The Parish Council needs to provide the funds and confirm their availability.

The grant will provide a defibrillator and an external, locked cabinet. Installation and ongoing consumable costs are not included and need to be paid by the Parish Council.

The library would need to agree to having the defibrillator on their wall, having our contractor install the cabinet or agree to arrange it themselves, and pay ongoing electricity costs for the cabinet.

At the Environment and Amenities Committee meeting it was proposed that the Farmhouse could be used as an alternative location for the defibrillator. In this case any future tenant would be responsible for the ongoing electricity costs of the cabinet with consumable costs being paid by the Parish Council.